

REMARKS

Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above-referenced prior-filed non-provisional application and this Amendment C.

By this amendment, Claims 1-7, 9-23, 25-51, 53-66, 70-74, 76, 78-85, 89, 95 and 98-115 are currently pending. Claims 8, 24, 52, 67, 69, 75, 77, 86-88, 90-94, 96, 97 and 116-118 were previously canceled. Claims 2, 3, 5, 9-23, 25-33, 35-44, 46, 47, 51, 53-61, 63, 71-74, 76, 78-85, 89, 106-110, 114 and 115 were previously amended. Claims 99-102, 111 and 112 were previously added. Claims 34, 45, 48-50, 62, 64 and 65 are original. Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 66, 70, 95, 98, 103-105 and 113 are hereby currently amended. Claim 68 is hereby canceled without prejudice.

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due; a Notice of Allowability—date mailed: June 2, 2005, for which a response is due September 2, 2005. Claims 1-7, 9-51, 53-66, 68, 70-74, 76, 78-85, 89, 95 and 98-115 have been allowed per said Notice of Allowability.

Corrected drawings have been required by Examiner. "The drawings are objected to because there are boxes in figures which are not labeled (eg. figure 14)." (09/492,218, Paper No. 20050527, Notice of Allowability, page 4)

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Fletcher for his telephone interview on July 19, 2005, during which he discussed the required corrections to the drawings. Accordingly, in response to said Notice of Allowability, Applicants herewith submit twenty-seven [27] Replacement Sheets for Figures 1A, 1B, 2A-2G, 3-10, 11A, 11B and 12-19. Accordingly, the specification is also hereby amended so that it is now consistent with the drawings. No new matter has been added.

This RCE and Amendment C are accompanied by a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The purpose of this Supplemental IDS is to make the Examiner aware that there was litigation (David H. Sitrick v. Freehand Systems, Inc., No. 02C 1568, N. Dist. Ill., filed: March 4, 2002) involving related applications (now issued patents)—US 5,728,960 and US 6,084,168—involving subject matter similar to the presently pending application. The Defendants in that litigation case relied upon certain references in that litigation. Copies of those references are enclosed with the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement. This Supplemental IDS is herewith concurrently filed so that the

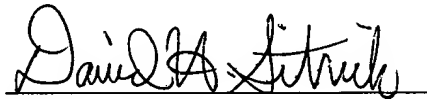
prosecution of this Application may be expedited by allowing Examiner to fully consider the listed references.

This response is accompanied by the appropriate Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166.

It is respectfully submitted that the present Application is in proper form for Allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to communicate directly with the undersigned if it would in any way facilitate the prosecution of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David H. Sitrick", written over a horizontal line.

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